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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.2% IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 18--Airline passenger traffic rose 5.2 percent in October, compared with the same month a year ago, and was up 11.4 percent for the first 10 months of 1985, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service in October, passenger traffic registered a gain of 5.1 percent. Available seat miles increased by 8.2 percent. The load factor was 55.3 percent, down from 56.9 percent for the same month a year ago.

In international service in October, passenger traffic rose 5.7 percent. Available seat miles were up 14.2 percent. The load factor was 59.1 percent, a decline from 63.9 percent in October of 1984.

For the first 10 months of this year, domestic passenger traffic was up 11.8 percent. Available seat miles increased 4.7 percent. The load factor was 61.6 percent, up from 57.7 percent for the same period a year earlier.

International passenger traffic in the first 10 months registered a gain of 10.1 percent. Available seat miles rose by 10.8 percent. The load factor was 66.5 percent, down only slightly from the 66.9 percent in the same months a year earlier.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 1985 - 1984

		OCTOBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	85	19,312,157	34,928,088	55.3	204,015,437	331,080,850	61.6
	84	18,370,629	32,274,977	56.9	182,520,617	316,246,203	57.7
PERCENT CHANGE		5.1	8.2		11.8	4.7	
INTERNATIONAL	85	5,174,698	8,754,688	59.1	53,844,313	81,004,857	66.5
	84	4,896,995	7,666,300	63.9	48,918,483	73,116,809	66.9
PERCENT CHANGE		5.7	14.2		10.1	10.8	
TOTAL	85	24,486,855	43,682,776	56.1	257,859,750	412,085,707	62.6
	84	23,267,624	39,941,277	58.3	231,439,100	389,363,012	59.4
PERCENT CHANGE		5.2	9.4		11.4	5.8	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.